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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN ITEM AT THE UNGA

REFS: A. USUN 3373, B. STATE 220766

1. DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH
SOVIETS ON A JOINT UPDATE ON STATUS OF INDIAN OCEAN TALKS
FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO PASS FOLLOWING
DRAFT TO SMUN AND SEEK THEIR REACTION.

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BEGIN TEXT. THE US AND THE USSR HAVE CONDUCTED NO FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS RESTRAINT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SINCE
THEIR REPORT IN MARCH TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN. THAT REPORT THEREFORE REMAINS CURRENT AS REGARDS
THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE NEGO-
TIATIONS. THE SIDES REAFFIRM THEIR INTEREST IN REACHING
AN AGREEMENT TO CONSTRAIN THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE

INDIAN OCEAN REGION. THEY AGREE THAT IN ORDER FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS TO BE FRUITFUL, NEITHER SIDE SHOULD TAKE STEPS WHICH ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS -- STABILIZATION OF THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA AT APPROXIMATE LEVELS EXISTING WHEN THE TALKS BEGAN, TO BE FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTION OF THESE LEVELS. THE DATE FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DECIDED UPON AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

2. MISSION SHOULD ALSO GIVE FOKIN INFORMAL INDICATION OF MAIN POINTS OF REFTEL B EXPLAINING THAT THIS IS YOUR CURRENT GUIDANCE TO RESPOND TO QUERIES ON THIS ISSUE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT AVOIDS DIRECT ACCUSATIONS CONCERNING CAUSES FOR DELAY IN THE TALKS. THIS CONFORMS WITH AGREEMENT TO AVOID PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS ON THIS ISSUE REACHED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MENDELEVICH AND PM DIRECTOR GELB DURING HELSINKI ROUND OF CAT TALKS. US EXPECTS SOVIETS WILL DISPLAY SIMILAR RESTRAINT IN ANY COMMENTS THEY MAKE AT UNGA.

3. WHILE WE ARE WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREED TEXT FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE, MISSION REMAINS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON POINTS IN REFTEL B IF PRESSED FOR EXPLANATION OF US POSITION. HOWEVER, MISSION SHOULD DELAY INITIATING MEETING WITH FERNANDO PENDING RESULTS OF ATTEMPT TO DRAFT JOINT REPORT. CHRISTOPHER
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